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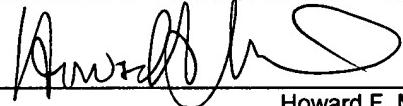
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Crucible Cover for Aluminothermic Reaction  
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing in the above referenced patent application which was filed in accordance under 35 U.S.C. §371 are the following:

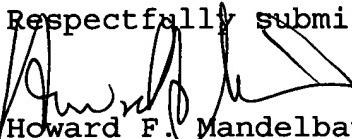
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